

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 467th Meeting of the Council, Hilton Inn, San Francisco, March 18, 1961.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sherman in the Hilton Inn, San Francisco International Airport, on Saturday, March 18, 1961, at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Foster, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker Heron, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Wilbur and Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Shaw, Rogers, Dalton, Murray, Davis, Miller, Sherman, Campbell, Morrison, Anderson and Teall. Absent for cause, President-Elect Bostick.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Marvin, Tobitt, Bowman, Whelan, Klutch and Edwards and Drs. Batchelder and Miller of C.M.A. staff; Messrs. Hassard and Huber of legal counsel; Messrs. Read and Salisbury of the Public Health League; county society executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Lingerfelt of Fresno, Geisert and Smith of Kern, Field of Los Angeles, Grove of Monterey, Somerville of Napa, Bannister of Orange, Colvin of Santa Clara, Brayer of Riverside, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Thompson, Monnich and Pearce of San Joaquin, Wood of San Mateo, Bailey of Tulare, Blankfort of Marin, Funk of Solano, Brown of Sonoma; Messrs. Paolini, Wahlberg, Nyron and Lyon of California Physicians' Service; Mrs. Eunice Evans of the State Department of Social Welfare and Drs. Dan O. Kilroy, J. B. deC. M. Saunders, Wayne Pollock and others.

1. Minutes for Approval:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 465th Council meeting, held January 28, 1961, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 466th Council meeting, held February 10-11, 1961, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of March 15, 1961, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, two delinquent members who have qualified were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 28 applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Carol R. Bahcall, Max Wm. Biggs, George D. Brown, Steven H. Cornell, A. Gerson Hollander, Edward Manougian, Julian Arnold Waller, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Abraham Howard Dulmes, James R. Glessner, Jr., Jack R. Kennedy, George Charles Raszus, Lysle Orting Shaw, Louis J. Zeldis, Los Angeles County; Floyd Hohnstein, Ralph T. Duddles, Napa County; Alyson L. Palmer, San Bernardino County; Karl E. Carlson, William Philip Creger, Frederick C. Greaves, M. J. Holdsworth, Joseph P. Kriss, Thomas H. Llewellyn, John C. Marchesi, David E. McCarthy, Santa Clara County; Mathew Sorin, San Joaquin County; Alton Coy Abernethy, Sonoma County;

PAUL D. FOSTER, M.D.	President
WARREN L. BOSTICK, M.D.	President-Elect
JAMES C. DOYLE, M.D.	Speaker
IVAN C. HERON, M.D.	Vice-Speaker
SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D.	Chairman of the Council
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(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 26 members were voted Retired Membership. These were: Ina Gourley, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Hildreth Caldwell, Albert James Campbell, John F. Chapman, Philip M. Dale, R. Bruce Eldredge, James P. Gillis, Roland Y. Glidden, Margaret Farr Hara, Charles J. Harbeck, Cullen Ward Irish, Ralph F. Miller, John G. Norman, William Novick, Joseph C. Savage, Jane Skillen, W. Leslie Stevens, Charles E. Stolz, Los Angeles County; John Andrew Wood, Orange County; James J. Cecil, San Bernardino County; Roland Davison, Rudolph L. Dresel, Frank A. Kinslow, San Francisco County; Herbert Lee Niebel, Lois Pendleton Todd, Santa Clara County; Granville S. Delamere, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa County.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded, 29 members were voted a reduction in dues because of postgraduate study or prolonged illness.

3. *Committee for Emergency Action:*

President Foster reported on a meeting of the Committee for Emergency Action, at which time discussion was held on the possible use of radio and other media of communication as a means of informing the public on economic aspects of medical care.

Discussion was also held on the subject of public speaking and on the feasibility of distributing to the membership a copy of a series of articles entitled "Time for Decision" prepared under the guidance of Dr. Foster. Following these discussions, the following actions were taken:

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the chairman appoint a committee to investigate the formation of a speakers' bureau, utilizing the services of officers, staff and Woman's Auxiliary. (Chairman Sherman named Councilors Teall and Anderson as co-chairmen of such committee, they to select other committee members.)

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Committee on Public Relations and the staff look into the feasibility and cost of using radio as a public relations medium.

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the "Time for Decision" articles be distributed to the membership, provided California Physicians' Service met the cost of such distribution and further provided a footnote accompany the articles to point out the fact that not all items in these articles necessarily represent Association policy but are distributed for informational and educational purposes and that there is wide divergence of opinion on these matters among C.M.A. members.

4. *State Department of Social Welfare:*

Mrs. Eunice Evans of the State Department of Social Welfare reviewed some of the measures now before the State Legislature. One bill would restrict or eliminate health evaluation physical examinations for aged welfare recipients; another would provide for the care of chronically ill recipients in nursing homes or private hospitals and another provide for such care in county hospitals only. Mrs. Evans stated the department was attempting to compose the differences in some of these legislative proposals.

5. *California Physicians' Service:*

Dr. Morrison reported that letters have been sent to all physician members of California Physicians' Service relative to the inauguration of the D and E schedules of fees and that good response has resulted. He also reported that recommendations of the 1960 House of Delegates relative to deductibles in contracts, coverage for neuropsychiatric services and other items had been implemented. There are now, he reported, about 980,000 subscribers and 14,500 physician members of C.P.S.

Dr. Morrison also reported that additional costs of \$25,000 annually were anticipated from the removal of the \$1 co-payment provision in the MD-65 program, which had been approved by C.P.S. and by the Council. Projecting this added cost would indicate, he reported, that the Association would be liable for losses of an estimated \$8,000 by the middle of 1963 and as much as \$59,000 by 1965 under the stop-loss agreement in effect. Inasmuch as this agreement requires approval for any changes in the program, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the stop-loss agreement be amended to provide for the elimination of the co-payment by patients and still remain in effect.

6. *Committee on Committees:*

The Committee on Committees recommended that the Council nominees for appointment to the C.P.S. Board of Trustees be as follows: Orville W. Cole, Jr., M.D., Long Beach, to succeed Arlo A. Morrison, M.D.; Donald C. Harrington, M.D., to succeed Dave Dozier, M.D.; Mr. Thomas Hadfield to be reappointed; Mr. James Cowee to succeed the Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. J. O'Dwyer; and Mr. Arnold Callen, Oakland, United Automobile Workers, to fill a vacancy. On motion duly made and seconded, these nominees were approved for presentation to the House of Delegates.

7. *Finance Committee:*

(a) Chairman Heron of the Finance Committee presented reports of current cash balances and of

income and expenditures for the eight months ended February 28, 1961. These were ordered filed.

(b) Dr. Heron also presented a proposed budget for the 1961-1962 fiscal year, together with several policy items on which Council determination was requested for budgeting purposes. On motions duly made and seconded, it was voted to reduce the maximum size of committees to nine members, to discontinue some committees or consolidate their functions with others, to reduce some committees to liaison status and to direct the staff to prepare amendments to the procedural rules of committees in regard to meeting schedules for purposes of better budget control. It was also moved, seconded and voted that incorporation of a research foundation be approved for the receipt of research funds.

8. *Committee on Scientific Activities:*

Dr. Wilbur, chairman, and Drs. Joseph W. Telford and John B. deC. M. Saunders, members of the ad hoc Committee on Scientific Activities and Continuing Education, presented the report of the committee, with a number of recommendations for the handling of postgraduate education, annual scientific assemblies and scientific publications.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to commend the committee for its work and to express gratitude to it for a thorough and enlightening report.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize the chairman to appoint a study committee which, in consultation with the Committee on Committees, Finance and Medical Education, should study the report and bring in recommendations for action.

The committee also recommended action on several resolutions and By-Law amendments referred to it by the 1960 House of Delegates. On motions duly made and seconded in each instance, the following actions were taken:

Resolution No. 50—Referred to study committee above.

Resolution No. 42—Disapproved.

Resolution No. 55—Referred to study committee above.

By-Law Amendment No. 8—Disapproved at this time.

By-Law Amendment No. 9—Disapproved at this time.

By-Law Amendment No. 13—Approved.

(The chairman appointed a study committee as follows: Dr. Bostick, chairman; Drs. Doyle, Quinn, MacLaggan, Davis, Dalton, Campbell and Wilbur, members.)

9. *Committee on Other Professions:*

Dr. Wayne Pollock, chairman of the Committee on Other Professions, presented the draft of an agreement between the Association and the California Osteopathic Association to provide the mechanism for the unification of the medical and osteopathic professions in California. The agreement, he reported, had already been approved by the Board of Trustees of the C.O.A. and would, if approved by the Council be submitted to the House of Delegates of each association for approval. If so approved, steps could be taken immediately to implement the agreement.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the proposed agreement and to forward it to the members of the House of Delegates with recommendation that the House likewise approve.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted its thanks and commendation to Dr. Pollock and his committee for the fine work represented by the agreement.

10. *Bureau of Research and Planning:*

Mr. Klutch reported that seven of a series of economic reports had been completed, three more were under preparation and five more planned. These would be published in *Newsletter*. The Council agreed to such publication after approval of the reports by the Bureau.

11. *Commission on Cancer:*

Dr. Davis, chairman of the Commission on Cancer, reported that several meetings had been held on the subject of updating and republishing the "Cancer Studies" issued several years earlier by the commission. Later reports will be made on this subject.

12. *Medical Review and Advisory Board:*

Dr. Kirchner, chairman of the Medical Review and Advisory Board, reported on the successful medical-legal conference held in San Francisco under A.M.A. auspices. About 800 people, equally divided between physicians and attorneys attended the two-day session.

Dr. Kirchner also reported that three articles on professional liability insurance had been prepared and would be presented to CALIFORNIA MEDICINE for publication if the Council approved. On motion duly made and seconded, authority to submit these articles was voted.

13. *Commission on Public Agencies:*

Dr. Wheeler, chairman of the Commission on Public Agencies, discussed two legislative proposals relating to hypnosis, one of which would limit the

use of hypnosis to licensed physicians, dentists and psychologists and one which would create a new board to license those who would use this form of practice. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer the restrictive measure to the Committee on Legislation and to oppose the proposal for a new licensing board.

Dr. Wheeler also presented a set of ten principles relating to hypnosis, as developed by the commission. On motion duly made and seconded, this set of principles was approved as policy.

14. *Committee on Legislation:*

Dr. Kilroy, chairman of the Committee on Legislation, reported that a resolution had been introduced in the State Senate to eliminate the health evaluation examinations which had previously been approved by the State Department of Social Welfare to be made on welfare applicants in the 65 to 70-year group. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this proposal to the Committee on Legislation and the Liaison Committee to the State Department of Social Welfare for a later report to and policy decision by the Council.

Mrs. Eunice Evans, deputy director of the State Department of Social Welfare, stated that the department's program would not be put into effect while legislation on this subject was under discussion.

15. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported that the Joint Council to Improve the Health Care of the Aged had voted to establish a joint commission for the accreditation of nursing homes and would plan for inspections and accreditation procedures if an estimated \$25,000 could be raised to initiate the plan. It was estimated that these funds would be returned in about 18 months through examination fees. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the Finance Committee the request that the Association advance \$20,000 as its share of the initial working funds.

16. *Medic-Alert Foundation:*

A request for recognition by the Association of Medic-Alert Foundation was presented. It was

pointed out that the foundation has now been incorporated as a nonprofit organization and that interest has been shown in the organization from areas in all parts of the world. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to reaffirm an earlier decision to the effect that identification of patients in the interest of their health care was a desirable project and that the Medic-Alert devices are a useful and valuable means of such identification.

17. *Chamber of Commerce of the United States:*

Dr. Todd presented a resolution in praise of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and its state and local counterparts for their stand in support of the principles of economic freedom and opportunity. On motion duly made and seconded, this resolution was approved and ordered introduced into the House of Delegates.

18. *Alcoholism and Narcotic Addiction:*

Dr. Quinn presented a resolution calling attention to the human and economic waste involved in alcoholism and narcotics addiction and urging physicians and medical societies to take the lead in law enforcement and public education to eradicate these conditions. On motion duly made and seconded, this resolution was approved and ordered introduced into the House of Delegates.

19. *Physically Handicapped College Students:*

Dr. Anderson proposed that the Committees on Rehabilitation and School Health jointly study the feasibility of urging that one or more of six new state colleges be designed architecturally to permit physically handicapped students to attend and secure the education for which they are equipped but currently denied because of architectural obstacles. On motion duly made and seconded, this resolution was adopted.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D., *Chairman*
MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*